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Applicant: Nachreiner et al.

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on July 10, 2006, regarding the above-identified patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period for reply to the final office action expired on October 10, 2006.

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2006, for one month, from October 10, 2006, to November 10, 2006. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the onemonth extension of time fee. It is respectfully submitted that this Response is timely filed within the extended deadline of November 10, 2006. If any additional extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicant hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorizes the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

It is believed that no other fee is required in filing this Response. However, if any fee is required, please charge the appropriate fee to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.